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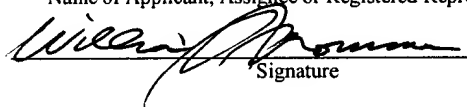
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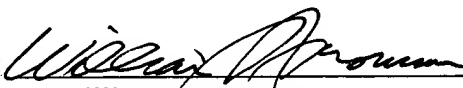
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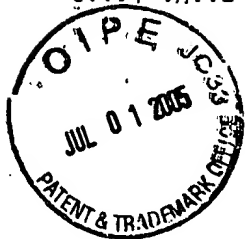
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Rejection of the Application

Cited Reference(s)

D1: Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 10-235019

D2: Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 9-138767

Examiner's Statement

Claims 1 to 6 are rejected in view of references D1 and D2 for lack of inventive step.

Reference D1 discloses a portable life game device, which is detachably connected to a TV game device. The portable life game device is capable of displaying expressions of, for example, electronic pets.

Meanwhile, in reference D2, facial expressions based on received message information are displayed, and the message information is converted into character strings or sound for the user. Therefore it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to use the displaying means disclosed in reference D2 to display the expressions of reference D1.

Further, it is well-known art to incorporate a speaker into portable units in order to output sound. Furthermore, one skilled in the art would have appropriately chosen whether to incorporate the speaker inside of the unit, or to attach the speaker outside of the unit.

Meanwhile, many kinds of ways to output message information are known, such as outputting sound in association with displaying images, or displaying character strings, and therefore one skilled in the art would have chosen how to output message information, accordingly.

Moreover, switching an image to another image as a moving image, and random processing are commonly used in order to improve entertainment devices. Accordingly, these features do not have any technical significance.